GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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VIOLATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS NORMS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that various artificial colours and flavouring agents are at present being indiscriminately used, especially by the Small Scale Industries not only in soft drinks but also in confectionary items;

(b) if so, whether the existing food law is sufficient enough to make the violators to strictly comply with its provisions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to discourage the use of such synthetic flavours and colouring agents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d): The use and limits of various artificial colours and flavouring agents in food products is governed by the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act

(PFA), 1954 and Rules made thereunder. There have been reports on use of non-permitted colours and flavouring agents or use of more than permitted quantities of colours and flavouring agents in some food products. The State/Union Territories, who are the implementing agencies of the PFA Act/Rules, have been requested from time to time to have a strict vigil on this. The violation in this regard attracts penal action under provisions of PFA Act.